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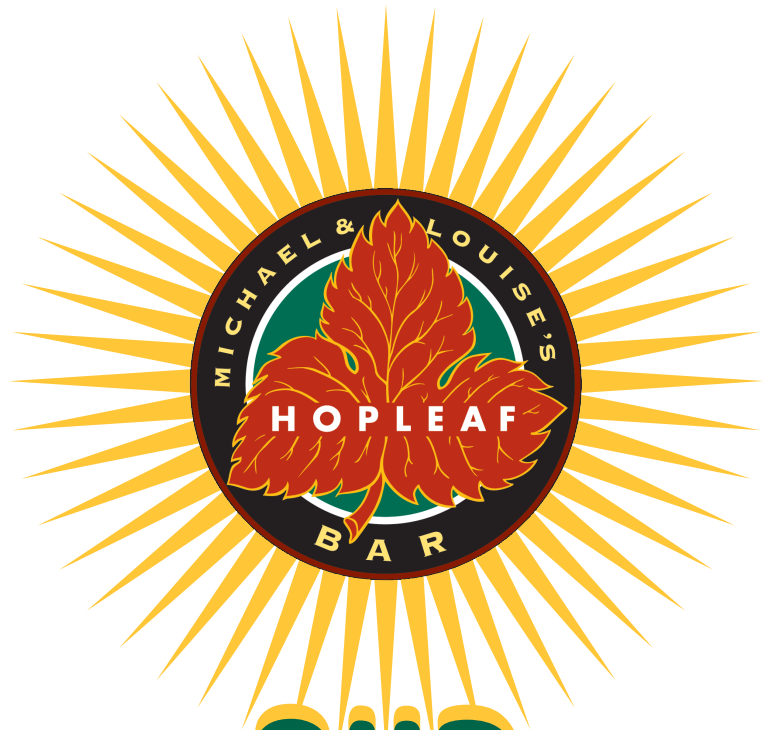
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BELGIANS

VAN STEENBERGE

Like many others of its kind, this brewery originated from a ploughland farm which was also engaged in brewing beer for its own consumption. The first time it was mentioned in print was in 1784 under the name of "Brouwerij De Peer", although it's likely that there had long been a brewery there.

Piraat 10.5% 11.2 oz \$10.

Fruity, spicy, complex aroma and flavor. A sweet palate is followed by low hop bitterness, evident coriander-like spiciness and a titillating warming finish. Refermented in the bottle—a living beer! In the 17th & 18th centuries, ales like Piraat were highly prized and sought after by seafaring pirates and their captains.

Gulden Draak (Golden Dragon) 10.5% 11.2 oz \$10.

The flagship of this famous brewery. Dark brown triple ale with a creamy head, natural malt, toffee-like sweetness, hoppy accents. Barleywine strength at 10.5%

Gulden Draak 9000 10.5% 11.2 oz \$10.

An exceptional quadruple amber. Four different malt varieties give a deep golden amber color and a slightly fruity aroma. Together with the soft and slightly sweet taste, this provides a beautifully rounded bouquet with notes of dried fruit. A high fermentation beer with secondary fermentation. For the secondary fermentation wine yeast is used.

DUVEL MOORTGAT

In 1871, Jan-Leonard Moortgat, the son of a brewers' family from Steenhuffel, founded the Moortgat farm brewery together with his wife Maria De Block. At that time, the newcomer was just one of the 4,000 breweries active in Belgium at the turn of the century.

Duvel 9.5% 11.2 oz \$10.

The Classic! This strong golden ale is surely one of the world's most beautiful & elegant beers. Prodigious creamy head, a champagne sparkle, notes of pear & a dry finish. Fermented three times, bottle-conditioned and suitable for cellaring.

ST. FEULLIEN

One of the few female-run Belgian breweries. Founded in 1873 by Stéphanie Friart. The Friart family's fifth generation is now at the helm.

Grand Cru 9.5% 11.2 oz \$15.

This extra-blond amber nectar masterpiece undergoes refermentation in the bottle, resulting in a beer endowed with unforgettable character. The secret lies in the unique combination of the noblest hops and the finest aromatic ingredients. Grand Cru differs from other beers in the range by its absence of spices and a traditional dry hopping with Styrian Golding hops in bloom.

Quadruple 11% 11.2 oz \$14.

A very dark and dense beer. This quadruple distinguishes herself by a complex and finely caramelized aroma and with shades of Madeira wine, candied fruit and an intense touch of fermentation esters. A slight hoppy smell completes the whole. The mouth is long with a powerful body built on the density and generous apparent extract. The bitterness is present but sweet and blends harmoniously with the malty structure. The selection of special malts raises the chocolate side with the nuances of coconut.

BRASSERIE DUPONT

This classic agricultural brewery dating from 1850, set around a farmyard in Tourpes, has been in the Dupont family since 1920 and still uses the original cast iron brewing vessels.

Saison Dupont 6.5% 375ml \$12.

Herbal, hoppy, peppery fruitiness; rocky head. Long dry finish.

DE BRABANDERE

Started 1894 as the farm brewery Bavikhove, it is still independent and family-owned and run by the 5th generation, Albert De Brabandere.

While they brew a wide range styles, they are best known in America for superb sour beers and their Bavik Superpils.

Petrus Aged Pale Ale 7.3% 11.2 oz \$10.

24-30 months in wood. Old-golden-hued. Oaky aroma w/hints of sherry & fruit, sourness in the finish.

Petrus Rood Bruin 5.5% 11.2 oz \$10.

Previously called Oud Bruin. A blend of 33% Petrus Aged Pale—pure foeder beer aged 2 years in oak foeders—and 67% young brown beer. In this blend, the young dark beer contributes the reddish-brown color and the Aged Pale contributes the slightly sour flavor.

OMER VANDER GHINSTE

When Omer Vander Ghinste started brewing in 1892 in the beautiful West Flemish village of Bellegem, brand names did not yet exist. He promoted his beers by placing stained glass windows with the words "Beers Omer Vander Ghinste" in the front windows of the pubs. As these windows were very expensive, it was not an option to replace them at every change of generation. Therefore every firstborn son was baptized "Omer", a tradition still kept alive today, 130 years and 5 generations later!

Cuvée des Jacobins 5.5% 330ml \$15.

Unblended old lambic, aged for 18 mos. or more. Robust character but beautiful & sophisticated, w/a full body & overtones of vanilla, dried cherry, stone fruit & cocoa. A complex, beautiful sour beer.

Roodbruin 5.5% 330ml \$12.

Based on an ancient beer called "Ouden Tripel". Blending this beer with lambic aged in oak barrels for 18 months results in this specific West Flanders Red-brown beer. Its typical flavor is well-balanced, with hardly noticeable sourness.

BRASSERIE DE BLAUGIES Wallonie

A small traditional family brewery begun by Pierre-Alex Carlier and Marie-Noelle Pourtois. All the beers brewed in their buildings are unfiltered and are fermented a second time in the bottle after adding yeast. The first mash was made on March 24, 1988.

Darbyste 5.8% 12.7oz \$20.

Saison made with wheat, fermented with fig juice. Figs are not evident in the flavor, which is light, lemony and dry.

La Moneuse 8% 12.7oz \$20.

Named for A. J. Moneuse (b. 1768), a famous local bandit and gang leader, and ancestor of the brewers' family. It is a classic Saison by virtue of its strength and its earthy, aged quality. It has a hardy, semi-dry malt character, a fresh but not overpowering hoppiness, abundant yeasty, fruity flavors and a fairly strong but pleasant and enticing mustiness.

La Vermontoise 6% 12.7oz \$20.

Stemming from a partnership with mythical Vermont brewery Hill Farmstead, this one is made with malt, spelt and American hops. It stands out with its substantial bitterness and its dry and subtly lemony finish.

Saison d'Epeautre 6% 12.7oz \$20.

Classic Saison/Farmhouse Ale brewed with spelt. Clean, crisp, and refreshing with just enough spice to liven things up.

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BELGIANS CONTINUED

D'ACHOUFFE

The small artisanal brewery in the Ardennes, founded by brothers-in-law Pierre Gobron and Christian Bauweraerts towards the end of the 1970s, with initially less than 5,000 euros available to them. At the beginning they thought of it as a hobby, but soon they decided to devote themselves to the adventure full-time. The first 'brassin' (brewing mix) of La Chouffe was finished on 27th August 1982.

LaChouffe 8% 330ml \$10.
Strong Golden Ale, a bit on the sweet side, w/just enough hops to dry the palate.

Houblon Chouffe 9% 330ml \$10.
A unique marrying of the traditions of English IPAs w/the innovations of American Double IPAs and the classic Belgian way of brewing. A beautifully balanced Tripel, hazy gold w/impressive, longlasting head, big malty body, distinct hop dryness, expressive estery fruitiness.

DE DOLLE BROUWERS *Esen, West Flanders*

The name started with a bicycle club "De Dolle Dravers", composed of four members—the two brothers Herteleer, Dirk Coussée, and Bernard Veranneman—who also knew about the regional beer culture. The brewery was born in 1980, when they took over an empty brewery.

Oerbier 9% 11.2 oz. \$14.
Oerbier means original, from the source. Oerbier was created as an at-home washtub experiment, with only natural ingredients and with secondary fermentation in the bottle. Brewed from a mixture different malts, Poperinge Golding hops and a special yeast which makes for a subtly tart beer. (the tartness becomes more prevalent with aging).

Arabier 8% 11.2 oz \$14.
A beer with secondary fermentation in the bottle, hopped with flower hops from Poperinge (Nugget and WGV—Whitbread Golding Variety). Distinctive dry-hopped taste and aroma.

Bos Keun 9% 11.2 oz \$14.
The recipe contains pale malt, Poperinge Goldings hops in bubbles, organic cane sugar, pure oerwater, top fermentation, fermentation & secondary fermentation in the bottle. Notes of berries, licorice, dry leaves, vanilla, and chocolate.

Dulle Teve 10% 11.2 oz. \$14.
The website says: "Dulle Teve means Mad Bitch, but the US govt. does not like the name, so we said "TRIPLE" " on labels. All-malt brew w/white candy in the kettle & refermented.

Stille Nacht 12% 11.2 oz. \$14.
De Dolle's Christmas offering. Highest density of any Belgian beer (27° Plato); boiled for 5 hours; brewed w/pale malt w/white candi sugar in the kettle. Nugget hops & dry hopping bring extra bitterness to balance the extreme sweetness (due to the density.) The taste triangle is completed w/some acidity of the fermentation.

RODENBACH

The Rodenbach family is no average family. The ancestors of the current family took part in Napoleon's campaign in Russia, wrote the Belgian national anthem and founded Brewery Rodenbach in 1821.

Classic 5.2% 500ml can \$12.
Young Rodenbach is mixed with mature Rodenbach (at least two years in oaken casks.) A scintillating dark, richly aromatic beer. 5.2%

Grand Cru 6% 330ml. \$15.
Bottle-conditioned blend of ales aged in oak tuns of various sizes, each imparting its individual character. Sweet, acidic & fruity with sour grape background.

DELIRIUM TREMENS (BY HUYGHE) 8.5% 11.2 oz \$12.

A fourth generation independent family-owned and -run brewery, Huyghe has, over the past decade, made unprecedented investments in sustainability; reducing use of water, electricity, steam and waste.

Triple fermentation and the use of three different yeast strains create its signature tastes: sweet, biscuit malt backbone, supported by pleasant warmth and spice, finishes well rounded, floral, and dry. The allusion to pink elephants and the choice of names is not random.

DE HALVE MAAN

"The Half Moon". This is the last active brewery in the historical city of Bruges. The town archives first mention the brewery in 1546. Since 1856, the famous brewing family Maes-Vanneste has owned the brewery.

Brugse Zot 6% 330ml \$11.
A golden blonde ale brewed w/4 malts & 2 aromatic hop varieties, it's fruity & refreshing.

Straffe Hendrik Brugs Tripel 9% 330ml \$12.
Hazy golden color, sweet malt, spice, and lots of yeast. A bit spritzzy.

Straffe Hendrik Brugs Quadruple 11% 330ml \$12.
Rich, intense dark Belgian ale. Brewed w/a subtle blend of specialty malts to give the ale extremely dark color & chewy, malty complex character.

BROUWERIJ VERHAEGHE

A small family-owned brewery in West Flanders. Founded in 1885, it was dismantled by occupying German troops during WWI. After the War, with a changed market, the brewery was purpose-built to make their famed barrel-aged dark Flemish ale.

Duchesse du Bourgogne 6.2% 330ml \$12.
Refreshing Flemish old red ale, matured in oak casks. Smooth, rich texture w/interplay of passion fruit & chocolate, & a long dry, acidic finish.

Duchesse Cherry (formerly Echt Kriekenbier) 6.8% 330ml . . \$12.
Cherry ale based on their Vichtenaar with local sour cherries added during the maturation process in wood casks. A blending of 1, 2 & 3-year-old beers.

KASTEEL BROUWERIJ VANHONSEBROUCK

Dating back to the mid-1800s, founded by Amandus Van Honselbrouck. In 1986, the Vanhonselbrouck family bought the Castle of Ingelmunster, which inspired brewer Luc to make his first quadruple, creating the secondary brand Kasteel. Now about 45% of their beers are traditional lambics.

Donker 11% 16oz. can. \$12.
The very first beer of the Kasteel range is a full-bodied Quadrupel with hints of caramel, coffee and chocolate

Rouge 11% 16oz. can. \$12.
A unique blend of Kasteel Donker and macerated cherries.

DE RANKE

Germain Noffels started a beer-bottling and lemonade-manufacturing facility at the Wijnbergstraat in Wevelgem in 1930. Daughier Irene Noffels and son-in-law Napoleone Bacelle took over the business in 1948 after World War II. Their son Nino Bacelle started experimenting with brewing beer in 1981 and took over the business with his brother in 1986. In 1989 they abandoned the lemonade facility. They now produce 5000 hectoliters annually.

XX Bitter 6% 330ml. \$12.
Sessionable, pale sour beer that matures in stainless steel tanks where the Morpheus yeast imparts a refreshing sourness.

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PICO-BROUWERIJ ALVINNE

Established in 2004, the “Pico-Brouwerij” Alvinne produces world-class sour beers, all of them brewed with their own Morpheus House yeast strain, harvested from a natural environment. Morpheus yeast is a strong contributor to the flavor of the beer and Alvinne’s unique identity.

Omega 6% 11.2oz. \$12.

Sessionable, pale sour beer that matures in stainless steel tanks where the Morpheus yeast imparts a refreshing sourness.

Phi 8% 11.2oz. \$12.

Pale strong beer, skillfully balanced between sweet and sour due to an addition of 40% wheat to the grain bill.

ABBEY-STYLE BEERS

Abbey-Style Beers may or may not have a historical connection to an abbey and they may or may not pay royalties to a monastery. They are always beers of a style commonly associated with monastic brewing traditions. In some cases, a historic abbey sold or licensed a private company the rights to their name and recipes. In most though, there was never a connection between the brand and the Catholic Church.

ABBAYE DE LEFFE

Owned and brewed by Inbev at the Stella Artois Brewery in Leuven. Royalties are paid to the monastery.

Leffe Blonde 6.6% 11.2oz. \$9.

Richly textured brown ale so dark it’s almost ebony; smooth, creamy & full-bodied. Very assertive, like a warming coconut brandy. 8%

ST. BERNARDUS

In 1945, Trappist monastery St. Sixtus stopped selling its beer and an agreement was reached where the monks would brew beer only for themselves. For beers for sale to the public, they gave a license to the nearby cheese factory, and brewery St. Bernardus was founded. (Mathieu Szafran-ski, the brewmaster from Westvleteren, became a partner in the brewery and brought with him the recipes, the know-how, and the St. Sixtus yeast strain.)

Since 1992 when the Trappist monasteries decided that Authentic Trappist beer could only be brewed in a monastery, those brewed in Watou have been sold under the brand name St. Bernardus.

The St. Bernardus range is considered a close match in recipe and style to the St. Sixtus/Westvleteren beers, which can be hard to obtain outside the area.

Abt 12 10% 330ml. \$12.

Richly textured brown ale so dark it’s almost ebony; smooth, creamy & full-bodied. Very assertive, like a warming coconut brandy.

Prior 8 8%. 330ml. \$10.

Brewed in the classic dubbel style; creamy rich texture that’s almost oily, malt-fruit complexity reminiscent of coconut.

Pater 6 6.7% 330ml. \$10.

Traditional Dubbel, chestnut in color, very fruity w/notes of melon & very fresh banana, finishing w/slight bitterness. Easy drinking!

Tripel 8% 330ml. \$12.

In the Watou region a Tripel is often referred to as a ‘Bernadetje’, a fine tribute that pays homage to Bernadette, the youngest daughter of Evariste Deconinck, the man to whom the monks of Abbaye Sainte Marie du Mont des Cats sold their Belgian property in 1934.

AUTHENTIC TRAPPIST BEERS



Thirteen Trappist monasteries—six in Belgium, two in the Netherlands, and one each in Austria, Italy, England, France, and Spain—currently produce beer, but the Authentic Trappist Product label is assigned by the International Trappist Association (ITA) to just ten breweries which meet their strict criteria: Trappist beer is brewed in living monasteries by monks who are actively involved in the brewing of the beer.

ORVAL 6.2% 11.2oz. \$12.

Founded in 1070 by Benedictines from Calabria; rebuilt many times over the centuries after being sacked in several conflicts. This beer, Orval’s only offering, gains its unusual orangy color from the use of 3 malts plus white candi sugar in the kettle. Dry-hopped secondary fermentation lasts 5-7 weeks; bottle-conditioning lasts 2 months. This Trappist also stands apart as the only one to use Brettanomyces. It’s a true world classic.

CHIMAY

Belgium’s best-known & biggest monastery—founded in 1850; brewing begun in 1861; the first monks in Belgium to sell their beer commercially. Its products are, in the monastic tradition, top-fermented strong ales conditioned in the bottle. Within this tradition the Chimay beers have a house character that is fruity both in intense aroma and palate.

Première (Red) 7% 11.2 oz/330ml. \$12.

Full copper color, notably soft palate, hint of black current.

Cinq Cents (White) 8% 11.2 oz/330ml. \$12.

Firm dry body, slender for its gravity, w/plenty of hop character in the finish & a quenching hint of acidity. A noble beer with character a bit different from the other Chimays.

Grande Réserve (Blue) 9% 11.2 oz/330ml. 12.

Characteristic Chimay depth of aromatic fruitiness, a Port among beers. The version in a corked 750ml bottle is called Grand Reserve. The larger bottle size and different method of sealing seem to mature the beer in a softer manner.

Cent Cinquante (Green) 10% 11.2 oz/330ml. \$12.

150 was brewed to celebrate the 150th birthday of the brewery based at the Abbey de Scourmont. A strong blonde ale, refreshing and fruity, tasty and intense. Its mint, bergamot, lime and eucalyptus aromas are enhanced by a touch of invigorating ginger. Its mellow, rounded body and smoky, spicy flavor is typical of Chimay beers. Brewed with Saaz and Hallertau Mittelfrüh hops, plus a secret spice.

MOUNT ST. BERNARD ABBEY

The only Trappist brewery in England, in Coalville, Leicestershire. In 2013 the monks of the St. Bernard Abbey realized farming was no longer viable due to modern mechanized farming and low dairy prices. Construction of the brewery began in 2018. Abbey records show that beer was brewed there before 1900, although the historic recipe has been lost.

Tynt Meadow 7.4% 7.4% 11.2 oz. \$12.

A strong dark ale, but one with a clearly English character. Aromatic hints of dark chocolate, licorice, and rich fruit flavours. Full-bodied, gently balancing the taste of dark chocolate, pepper, and fig.

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ROCHEFORT

The Abbey of St-Remy, aka *Abbaye Notre-Dame de Saint-Remy*, was founded in 1230 in southern Belgium. The monks began to brew sometime around 1595. Over the course of several wars and centuries, including the French Revolution, brewing was halted and restarted several times. Most recently, after WWII, their restart was assisted by the monks at Chimay. The “number names” refer to the original gravity of each beer, measured in Belgian degrees, a brewing scale no longer used today.

“6” 7.5% 11.2oz \$12.

“6” Dubbel became available to the public starting in 1953. Soft body, earthy flavors, and herbal character. Refined, soft spiciness in the bouquet finishes w/a bit of caramel. Bottle-conditioned for soft natural carbonation.

“8” 9.2% 11.2oz \$12.

Strong ale originally called “Spécial,” Rochefort 8 dates to the mid-1950s. The flavor is vigorous and complex, with firm body to support the strength. The aroma has elusive notes of fresh fruit, spice, leather, and figs.

“10” 11.5% 11.2oz \$14.

This Quadrupel was developed in the late 1940s and early 50s. It appears on virtually every list of the world’s finest beers. Great strength balanced by a complexity of flavors and firm malt backbone. The bouquet covers a wide range: port wine, leather, apricots, oak, spices. Deeply intriguing.

Tripel Extra 8.1% 11.2oz \$12.

The first new beer from Rochefort since 1955! First brewed for distribution in 2020, this commemorates “Forte Bière Blonde Extra,” a similar beer brewed at Rochefort from 1920 to about 1923.

TRE FONTANE 8.5% 330ml \$15.

L’Abbazia delle Tre Fontane, located in the heart of Rome, is surrounded by beautiful eucalyptus trees planted by monks starting in 1870. Eucalyptus was believed to have qualities that could prevent malaria. Recently, thanks to the discovery of an ancient beer recipe, the monks began brewing using their eucalyptus as a spice, creating the 11th official Trappist Beer in the world.

Honeyish, mildly herbal w/ a subtle eucalyptus aftertaste. Mildly spicy, balanced by a stiff bitterness. Dry finish w/residual malt, fruit, and hops.

LA TRAPPE (by de Koningshoeven)

From abbey *Schaapskooi* in the Netherlands, where Trappist ale has been brewed since 1884. The monks of the abbey are popularly called “Trappists”, after the origin of their order: the French Soligny-La-Trappe, an order characterized by austerity, silence and the duty of charity.

La Trappe Quadrupel 10% 11.2 oz \$12.

Said to be the first Quadrupel in the world. The full, heart-warming and intense taste is malty with sweet tones of dates and caramel.

WHAT ABOUT WESTVLETEREN?

The monks of St. Sixtus no longer wanted to operate a commercial brewery, preferring to brew and sell just enough to support themselves—only in restricted quantities at the monastery, just a few hours a week, only to individual customers*
—who must promise not to sell to others!

For the drinker, an alternative is to try the beers from St. Bernardus, who for years brewed licensed versions of the Westvleteren beers, sold under the St. Sixtus name. When the monks enlarged their brewhouse, the official relationship ended. However, the beer lives on as St. Bernardus 8, 12 & Tripel.

ZUNDERT *Zundert, Netherlands*

Abdij Maria Toevlucht is the home of the Zundert Trappist Brewery, one of only two Dutch Trappist breweries. An opportunity for a new monastery arose in 1897, when Miss Anna Catharina van Dongen from Zundert gifted a piece of land to the Abbot of the Koningshoeven Abbey for a refuge for French monks, called Our Lady of Refuge.

Trappist 8 8% 330ml \$12.

A dark Tripel ale you must take time to savor and understand. Chestnut-colored and bottle-conditioned, with aroma of caramel, herbs and spices; initially floral and slightly sweet; character develops from light caramel to a lovely, dry, mellow hoppy bitterness as the flavor opens.

WESTMALLE

Founded in 1831, the monastery has brewed since its early days, though it was slow to make its products available commercially. It remains the most withdrawn of the Trappist monasteries, not encouraging visitors. They produce four beers, including a single known as “Extra” which was once available only to the Brothers.

Dubbel 7% 11.2 oz/330ml \$12.

A dark brown ale, malty but quite dry.

Tripel 9.5% 11.2 oz/330ml \$12.

Strong w/a pale, almost pilsner color. Its mash is made exclusively of pilsner malts from Germany & France, but following the classic procedure, candy sugar is added to the kettle. Three hopping stages. Faintly citrus fruitiness, rounded body, & alcoholic kick. Strong herbal aroma and dense head.

Extra 4.8% 11.2 oz/330ml \$12.

This is one of the oldest beers of Westmalle Abbey, with a tradition that dates back to the start of the brewery. It was created to drink with meals in the abbey, something the monks still do today. As a top fermented golden yellow Trappist beer, the Extra is unique in combining a low alcohol content with a rich flavor. Enjoy its fruity notes and its refreshing, thirst-quenching character.

LAMBICS

Spontaneously fermented beers from the Lambeek region. Whereas most beers are fermented by cultured yeast under tightly-controlled conditions, these instead utilize airborne wild yeasts. These bottle-conditioned beers develop further complexity through aging in wooden barrels prior to bottling.

🍷 *Traditional* (sour, tart) / ⚡ *Modern* (sweet, foudroyante)

GUEUZE FOND TRADITION (by Kasteel)

See brewery notes for Kasteel Brouwerij VanHonsebrouck in the main Belgian section

🍷 **St. Louis Gueuze Fond Tradition 5% 375ml \$14.**

Neither filtered nor centrifuged. Quite traditional & cidery. Very complex palate with lots of aromatic flavors, including sour apple & lemon juice. 5%

🍷 **St. Louis Kriek Fond Tradition 6.5% 375ml \$14.**

A traditional cherry beer based on young and old lambic.

GIRARDIN

🍷 **Gueuze 1882 (Black Label) 5% 375ml \$20.**

Neither filtered nor centrifuged. Quite traditional & cidery. Very complex palate with lots of aromatic flavors, including sour apple & lemon juice.

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BOON

100% spontaneously fermented by wild yeast. Barrel-aged for 2 years. Frank Boon, the premier revivalist brewer in Belgium, uses only whole fruits in his lambics—no additional syrups or extracts. Aromatically fruity, tart & unblended, w/a great balance of flavors. (Boon spells gueuze without the first “u”.)

Kriek 5% 330ml \$22.

Using old and young lambic beer that has aged in oak casks. When the lambic is 6 months old, they add 25% black cherries. This provokes the second fermentation. They then clarify, filter and bottle it. The cherries and young lambic create a red beer that is both natural and fresh, with an absolutely unforgettable sweet and sour taste. This is kriek as it should be, with nothing but real cherries and lambic.

Framboise 5% 330ml \$20.

Raspberry lambic was once a rarity and only produced for a few weeks during the summer. Frank Boon was the first brewer to again prepare a raspberry lambic in the summer of 1976. More than 300 grams per liter of fresh raspberries add a fresh fruity taste. The young lambic supports the flavor, but this is very much about raspberries, not the lambic.

Gueuze Mariage Parfait 8% 330ml \$20.

Consisting of 95% mild lambic, aged at least three years and specially reserved for this purpose, and 5% young lambic. The latter provides the fermentable sugars and wild yeasts. After mixing in a vessel of 25,000 liters, the wort (unfermented mixture) is filtered and chilled. The soft, mildly sour berry taste, harmonizes with the oak barrels’ aromas in which Geuze Mariage Parfait has ripen. The body speaks of vanilla followed by a bitter aftertaste of cloves that becomes increasingly intense.

HET BOERENERF

An artisanal blendery focused on the art of fermenting and blending; beverages include lambic, cider, fruit wine, and honey wine. Established in 2020 by visionary founders Senne Eylenbosch and Vincent Alluin, Boerenerf occupies the historic grounds of the esteemed Brouwerij Eylenbosch in Huizingen which closed its doors in 1965. At the heart of their craft lies the tradition of spontaneous fermentation and barrel-aging. Deeply committed to collaborating with local farmers to source exceptional quality ingredients directly from the farm to the barrel.

Framboos 7% 750ml \$70.

Raspberries from the fruit farm De Daalkouter is blended with young and old lambics, then macerated for 3 months. Fermented, aged & bottled on the farm.

Oude Gueuze 7% 375ml \$25.

A traditional gueuze, blended with 1-, 2- and 3- year-old lambikken. Barrel-aged and bottled on the farm.

Pescharina 7% 750ml \$70.

Blend of 1- & 2-year-old lambics with maceration of peach & nectarine. Five different varieties of fruit—2 white peach, 2 yellow peach, 1 nectarine—were hand-picked from orchards in Italy. Each variety is blended separately with the lambic to then macerate for months. Fermented, aged & bottled on the farm.

DE CAM

It is the smallest lambic blenders in Belgium, receiving its lambic from Boon, Girardin, and Lindemans. Founded in 1997 in Gooik, in the Pajottenland region, SW of Brussels.

Oude Gueuze 7% 375ml \$30.

A traditional gueuze, blended with 1-, 2- and 3- year-old lambikken. Barrel-aged and bottled on the farm.

HANSSENS ARTISANAAL Dworp

Hanssens Artisanaal is the oldest independent geuze blender in the world. In 1871, former mayor Hanssens Bartholomeus started to brew lambic in the previous Saint-Antoniüs brewery. Nowadays it is helmed by Sidy Hanssens, daughter of Jean, the 4th generation in this family’s tradition.

It should be noted that after World War I, when the Germans took all the copper brew material to produce war equipment, Bartholomeus was compelled to continue as a blender, like so many others of the time. The most significant difference between a gueuze blender and gueuze brewer is that a gueuze blender buys wort (lambic wort) from lambic brewers rather than brewing the lambic himself. The centuries-old knowledge and techniques of the Hanssens family create these beers, which are unfiltered, unpasteurized, and bottle-conditioned.

Oude Gueuze 5.8% 12.7 oz \$15.

A blend of the finest Lambics, 100% matured in oak barrels and bottle conditioned. Each batch of Gueuze offers different aromas and flavors, based on the centuries-old knowledge of the Hanssens family. After blending, the Gueuze is bottled, corked and stored in the cellar for secondary fermentation for over one year.

Cassis 6% 375ml \$25.

Lambic with fresh black currants matured in oak barrels. Fairly sour with some acidity on the nose and some oak tannins and currant funkiness.

Raspberry 6% 375ml \$25.

Lambic with fresh raspberries matured in oak barrels. Tastes of very tart raspberries and dark fruit, oak, funk, vinegar and acidic notes.

Scarenbecca Kriek 6% 12.7oz \$36.

Pure young cherry lambic traditionally of only the rare Schaarbeekse variety. The limited availability of these wild Belgian cherries has required Hanssens to supplement with Kelleris cherries from the Tienen area.

Handgeplukte Schaarbeekse Kriek 6% 12.7oz \$30.

Differs from the Scarenbecca Kriek in that this oude kriek is a blend of 75% young lambic with Schaarbeekse cherries and 25% old lambic to obtain a secondary fermentation in the bottle.

Oudbeitje 5.8% 12.7oz \$18.

Lambic with Belgian strawberries added. Currently the only commercially available, non-back-sweetened strawberry lambic on the market. First blended in 2000 with a blend of Boon and Girardin lambic. Brewed Exclusively for B. United International’s Masters Collection.

OLD BEERSEL located in Beersel, SW of Brussels city center. Started in 1882, it is one of the last remaining authentic lambic blenderies in Belgium. It’s also one of the smallest lambic brewerries. “Uncompromisingly traditional lambic, gueuze and kriek.”

Vandervelden Oude Geuze (Vieille) 6% 330ml \$20.

The series, named after founder Henri Vandervelden, is known for the complexities arising from only foeder-aged Lambic. This celebrates the 140th anniversary of Oud Beersel, composed with 1- and 2- year-old lambics from foeders and 3-year-old lambic from another foeder. The average age of the blend was 30 months. Extraordinary complexity.

Oude Kriek (Vieille) 6% 330ml \$20.

Made from real cherries and Oud Beersel lambic matured in old barrels. The cherries—around 400 gr/liter—are slowly absorbed into the lambic, which develops a fruity character and a ruby red color.

CANTILLON

3 FONTEINEN

TILQUIN

Availability of beers from these breweries is variable and limited. Please scan the QR code inside the front cover of this booklet to access the listings for Michael’s Secret Beer Cooler.

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LAMBICS CONTINUED

LINDEMANS

Starting as a humble farm brewery in 1822 and now run by the 6th generation of the Lindeman family, they are the largest, most widely distributed and most commercially successful of all the lambic brewers. They've pioneered many innovations, while continuing to produce trad lambic for themselves and several blenders. Their Cuvée René lambics are outstanding examples of traditional lambics while their fruited beers have been great lambic entry points for the popular market.

◆ **Peche** 3% 250ml \$9.

Sparkling, refreshing taste of peaches. Flavorful and beautifully balanced. Wonderful in place of cider or champagne. 3%

◆ **Framboise** 4% 250ml \$9.

Magnificent aroma, delicate raspberry palate w/undertones of fruity acidity; elegant, sparkling clean natural taste, lovely rose color. 4%

◆ **Cassis** 4% 355ml \$12.

Tart and sweet, tasting of currants. 4%

◆ **Strawberry** 3.5% 250ml \$9.

Lindemans first new fruited lambic in over a decade. Choosing strawberry was easy: the complex sweetness of the fruit matches perfectly the sourness of lambic, resulting in a balanced marriage of sweet and sour. Made from 1-year-old oak-aged lambic & strawberries.

◆ **Kriek** 4% 355ml \$12.

Beautiful pour: deep red w/pink head, & lovely lacing as you drink. Big cherry nose w/a bit of yeast. Rich thick smooth mouthfeel, slight tartness & plenty of cherry flavor/sweetness till the end. 4%

🍷 **Cuvée René Kriek** 7% 750ml \$45.

To produce this beer the cherries ferment in lambic that is at least 6 mos. old in huge 10,000-liter oak barrels (foudres). After another 6 months the beer is bottled and then undergoes a spontaneous second fermentation process which, after a few months, will produce the CO2 to which this authentic beer owes its carbonation and distinctive foamy head.

◆ **Ginger Gueuze** 6% 750ml \$45.

Based on a blend of 12-month old lambic with 2-3yr old lambic, fermented in oak with fresh ginger. Bottle conditioned and combines the sourness of lambic with the subtle flavors of fresh ginger. Ideal as an aperitif, it is also perfect for food pairing.

TIMMERMANS

The worlds oldest lambic brewery, Timmermans has brewed lambic in Iterbeek for over 300 years, since 1702. A few miles from the center of Brussels, it was then known as "The Mole Brewery". Owned by Jan Vandermeulen, it was also a farm, an orchard, a café and a malt-house.

◆ **Lambicus Blanche** 4.5% 12.7oz. \$15.

A traditional lambic and, as with Belgian white beers, spiced with coriander. Refreshing, with flavors of wheat, citrus and spicy notes.

◆ **Lambicus Faro** 4% 12.7oz. \$15.

A historical Brussels beer. Candy sugar is delicately added to a traditional barrel-aged lambic, giving a sweeter note with apple aromas.

◆ **Framboise** 4% 11.2oz. \$12.

Made by adding 100% natural raspberry to the lambic. After maturation in oak barrels, the beer turns a delicate, delightful shade of pink.

◆ **Kriek** 4% 11.2oz. \$12.

A truly traditional kriek. A delicate blend of young and old barrel-aged lambic and 100% natural cherries. Lively aroma and light acidity.

CRAFT BEERS FROM N. AMERICA & EUROPE

ALLAGASH Portland, Maine

Coolship Resurgam 6.3% 12oz \$25.

The name comes from the motto of Portland, Maine—"I shall rise again". A blend of both old and young unfruited spontaneous beers. Enjoy aromas of apricot, lemon zest, and candied fruit. Notes of tropical fruit and flavors of funk lead to a clean, tart, dry finish.

Tripel 9% 12oz \$8.50

This strong golden ale carries herbal notes and passion fruit in the aroma. Suggestions of honey and biscuit are found in the beer's complex, varied palate. Brewed with 2-row barley blend, hopped with Nugget and Hallertau, then fermented with house yeast. Offers a complex, yet dry finish.

Curieux 10.2% 12oz \$9

First brewed back in 2004, this was Allgash's initial foray into barrel-aging. They take their Tripel and let it age in bourbon barrels for six-to-eight weeks. After that, they take the beer out of cold cellars and blend it back with a portion of fresh Tripel. The resulting rich, golden ale features smooth notes of coconut, vanilla, and a hint of bourbon.

BFM (BRASSERIE DES FRANCHES-MONTAINES)

Switzerland

Abbaye de St Bon Chien 11% 330ml \$28.

Named in fond memory of the excellent (now late) brewery cat. Delightfully complex Belgian-style Strong Ale from the Jura Mtns. in the NW border region of Switzerland. Treads the boundary between port, wine & beer. Aged in wooden casks previously used to age Merlot, Merlot Cabernet, Whisky and then Grappa; then finally blended from different casks for optimal balance and complexity. Amazing nose featuring spices (cinnamon, wood), fruit, spirits, licoricey, vegetal dryness. Palate features grapes, chocolate, vanilla, brown sugar! Smooth & velvety, turning slightly vinous w/very subdued bitterness. Long port-like finish. Great w/rich foods like duck, balsamic vinegar, very dark chocolate.

NEW BELGIUM Colorado

Tripel 8.5% 12oz \$8.

Since the early 90's, this has been a big, beautiful Belgian-style Tripel ale. Classically smooth and complex, it sings with a high-note of sweet citrus before a pleasantly dry finish delivers a warm, strong boozy bite.

TransAtlantique Kriek 6.2% 12.7oz \$20.

Produced once a year since 2003, It begins its life in the oaken vessels of Gert Christiaens' Oud Beersel, a 130-year-old lambic brewery in the Zenne valley of Belgium. After the lambic ages there, it's blended with tart Polish cherries and shipped across the Atlantic to New Belgium. They then blend in an equal portion of golden sour ale, aged for up to three years in our oak foeders.

OMMEGANG Cooperstown, NY

3 Philosophers 9.7% 16oz \$8.50

Noel Blake's winning concept in the Real Beer contest to "describe your ideal beer": a blend of Lindeman's Kriek & Ommegang Ale. Fruity, spicy & strong.

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CRAFT BEERS OF N.AMERICA & EUROPE CONTINUED

UNIBROU *Chambly, Canada*

Blanche de Chambly 5% 12oz. \$9.

Produced from a blend of Quebec unmalted wheat & a very pale barley malt to which spices & natural aromatics are added along w/a light hopping.

Maudite 8% 12oz. \$9.

Mahogany-hued, rich & complex.

Don de Dieu 9% 12oz. \$9.

Tripel-style, bottle-fermented Abbey-type beer, white w/golden highlights. Made w/unmalted wheat; cloudy w/suspended yeast. Strong yet mellow. Brewed once a year, in December.

La Fin Du Monde 9% 12oz. \$9.

Triple-fermented in the style of the Trappist triples. Slightly tart; balanced flavors of wild spices, malt & hops.

Trois Pistoles 9% 12oz. \$9.

Mellow flavor, dark color w/a ripe fruit aroma reminiscent of old port.

SELTZERS

UNTITLED ART HARD SELTZERS *Waukegan, WI*

12oz cans \$7.

Pineapple Mango 5% **Navel Orange & Yuzu** 5%

Blackberry Agave 5% **Prickly Pear Guava** 5%

GLUTEN-FREE BEERS

GHOSTFISH BREWERY *Seattle, Washington*

On a mission to show the world radical flavors that are only possible by reinventing beer from the grain up. With artisan malts of unusual grains like millet, buckwheat, and heirloom rice, combined with hops from small family farms, the beers are crafted to transcend the previous limits of Gluten-Free beer.

Shrouded Summit 4.5% 12 oz. \$9.

Belgian-style white ale with a burst of juniper and citrus. A proper witbier, without wheat or barley.

Grapefruit IPA 5.5% 12 oz. \$9.

Brewed with grapefruit and a mysterious hop code-named “Experimental Grapefruit”, this IPA is a serious citrus bomb. Lively and bright, bracingly bitter, eminently refreshing.

Vanishing Point 5.3% 12oz. \$9.

Classic American Pale Ale, balanced with caramel and biscuit malt flavors, and classic American hop aromas of stone fruit and citrus.

CIDERS

DOMAINE ETTIENE DUPONT *Normandy, France*

Cidre Bouche Fermier 5.5% 375ml. \$15.

Exceptional cider from the 6000-tree Dupont orchard, family-owned since 1837. 6 types of apples, picked manually at 3 stages of ripeness; proportions of the varieties is exact. Slow fermented, naturally carbonated, unfiltered. A long-time Hopleaf favorite.

HAYKIN *Colorado*

Haykin Family Cider is a family-run business, owned and operated by Dan and Talia Haykin. Daniel came to cider from a love of champagne and sparkling wine but his drive to make the best cider came from trying to impress Talia. Dan was convinced that ciders could be made with the complexity of wines. Daniel's focus on excellence can be seen in his relationships with his growers, selection of apples, care during the production process, focus on packaging, and his general depth of knowledge around his product.

Together with Daniel, Talia learned more about apple varieties and the rich history of apples and hard cider in the United States. As they worked to grow their family, they also grew in their love for cider.

Crimson Gold 7.5% 750ml \$30.

Crimson Gold is a crabapple that was developed by Albert Etter, a creator of other exceptional heirloom apples, in California during the mid-twentieth century. This apple is for the tart lover, with razor sharp kumquat acidity that tastes like a tart mimosa, tight minerality, and light floral notes. 100% *Crimson Gold* apples from *O'Brien Farms, Prosser, Washington. 2021 Vintage*

Nehou 7.5% 750ml \$30.

Nehou is a classic French cider apple, reminiscent of honey and chamomile tea, baked apple, a dusting of cocoa, with a soft tannin core. 75% *Nehou* and 25% *Calville Blanc d'hiver* from *Ringsrud Orchard in Wenatchee, WA. 2021 vintage.*

French Cider Apples 7.5% 750ml \$40.

Traditional French cider making values apples that exude dark, earthy, and enigmatic character. Eight different French cider apples are blended to evoke caramel, dates, brown sugar, hay, toasted marshmallow, and leather. They are thick, rich, and complex, with prominent tannin. *Vilberie, Muscader de Bernay, Bedan, Nehou, Reine de Pommes, Calville Blanc d'Hiver, Marie Menard, and Marechal* apples grown at *Idyll Acres and Ringsrud Orchard. 2021 Vintage.*

Methode Ancestrale Colorado Crabapple

7.9% 750ml \$60.

Many Colorado crabapples are exceptional and are foraged across the state. There are more than 20 varieties blended in this bottle. Together they evoke enigmatic and magical flavors of clove, fennel, persimmon, black tea, flower petals, and lemon. Semi-dry. *Unknown crabapples foraged in Denver, Boulder, Arapahoe, and Adam Counties. This bottle was aged 14 months sur lie and disgorged by hand. 2021 Vintage. This cider is semi-dry.*

Methode Ancestrale is the world's oldest method for sparkling production. The process is a deliberate and complex fermentation in which nothing is used but the apple. The fruit produces the sparkle, the aroma, and the flavor on its own. These bottles are aged sur lees and disgorged by hand.



WHY DRINK BEER FROM A GLASS?

Many beers, especially the Belgians, have their own distinctive glasses, each designed to highlight its beer's particular character.

Beer is best appreciated when poured into its glass, because it finishes what the brewer started.

The beer “opens up”—producing a frothy head, releasing its aroma, revealing its beautiful color—and is then truly ready to drink.

Bottle drinkers, give it a try!



NON-ALCOHOLIC OFFERINGS

BEERS

ATHLETIC BREWING

Run Wild IPA 12 oz. can \$7.

UNTITLED ART

Mango-Dragonfruit Sour 12 oz. can \$7.

Juicy IPA 12 oz. can \$7.

D'ACHOUFFE

NA 330ml \$10.

SPARKLING WATERS

FAIRSTATE BREWING

Citra & Centennial 16oz. Can. \$7.

CASAMARA CLUB

Apertivo Sparkling Water. 12oz. Bottle \$8.

SPARKLING WINES

\$12.

ODD BIRD

Blanc De Blancs

Organic Sparkling Chardonnay Blend

Rosè

Organic Sparkling Tempranillo

COCKTAILS

\$7.

ORANGE SPRITZ

Lyre's NA Italian Orange Aperitivo

Casamara Club Amaro Club Soda, Orange Peel

NA-DA RUM PUNCH

Lyre's NA White Cane Spirit,

Untitled Art NA MangoDragonfruit Sour

Lime Juice, Demerara

AMARO FALSO

St. Agrestis Amaro Falso & Soda with Lemon Peel